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1. Soon after the occupation of Mukden, the Communist military placed a tight control over certain housing compounds about the city. People living there were required to be in by eight o'clock and to be up and out by four in the morning. The serving of meals with any unusual amount of meat or other delicacies was immediately reported to higher police authorities by those in charge of the area.
2. The military authorities took over the inner buildings of the Mukden Club as classrooms for lectures to the troops. Foreigners were limited to the use of the bowling alley, swimming pool and tennis courts. Foreign members dressed out-of-doors, while using the pool.
3. The authorities immediately inaugurated a widespread sanitation program in Mukden. Dumps were cleaned up and made into drill fields, and playgrounds. The local populace was stopped from using the roads in the main parts of the city as a public toilet. A road sweeping campaign was started; this was extensive but not very effective, but at least it impressed many Chinese with the knowledge that the new authorities wanted to keep the city clean.
4. The streets were completely cleared of snow within twenty four hours after the first snowfall. In the summer months the main streets were washed daily with old water trucks 50X1-HUM
5. When the Chinese Communists captured Mukden, traffic was ordered to keep to the left. After approximately a month, it reverted to the right again.*
6. After the Chinese Communists took over Mukden, the road signs in the city were changed from English-Chinese to Russian-Chinese.
7. A five and one-half day work-week has been instituted by the Communists in Mukden. On Saturday afternoons industry and government groups are expected to help in garbage removal and general clean up of the city. 50X1-HUM

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